

From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC](#)
Subject: FW: Biomass Research and Development Board
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 4:35:18 PM
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Brooke,

FYI

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 3:10 PM
To: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>; (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC <(b) (6)>
Cc: Jacobs-Young, Chavonda - ARS <C.JacobsYoung@ARS.USDA.GOV>; Hazlett, Anne - OSEC, Washington, DC <Anne.Hazlett@osec.usda.gov>; Baumes, Harry - OCE <HBaumes@oce.usda.gov>; Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>; Preston, Warren - OCE <wpreston@oce.usda.gov>
Subject: Biomass Research and Development Board

All,

Attached please find an info memo on the Biomass Research and Development Board, an interagency group co-chaired by USDA and DOE. (b) (5)-Deliberative

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Specifically, a number of questions will need to be resolved regarding (b) (5)-Deliberative :

1. (b) (5)-Deliberative
2. The TAC has 9 members whose terms expire this year. (b) (5)-Deliberative

A letter of invitation, signed by both the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Energy, is sent to candidates. (b) (5)-Deliberative

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Dr. Baumes has circulated draft action plan among members of the Bioeconomy Council Coordinating Committee, and he believes (b) (5)-Deliberative
Background information is found in the memo. Dr. Baumes is also available to answer any questions you might have on these decisions.

Thanks,
Rob



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INFORMATIONAL / DECISION MEMORANDUM

To: Heidi Green, Chief of Staff
Steve Censky, Deputy Secretary

Through: Robert Johansson
Chief Economist

From: Harry S. Baumes
Director Office of Energy Policy and New Uses


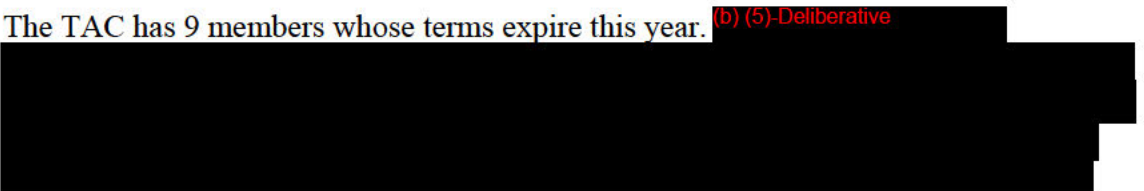
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BACKGROUND

There are a number of questions that need to be resolved regarding USDA leadership of the Board:

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I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding the Board or provide a more formal briefing if desired. Next Board meeting will likely be in November at the USDA. The 2017Q4 meeting of the TAC is November 15 and 16. The OpsCo has a regularly scheduled call ON Wednesday's at 9:30 am.

cc: Chris Young
Anne Hazlette
Chavonda Jacobs-Young

The memorandum attached to the preceding email contains three attachments totaling fourteen (14) pages, which are being withheld in full under Exemption 5.

From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Johansson, Robert - OCE](#)
Cc: [Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-up to Meeting with DOI DepSec Bernhardt
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:18:52 PM

Just send me the contacts for both issues, as I plan to (b) (5)-Deliberative .

Best regards,

Steve

Stephen L. Censky
 Deputy Secretary
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Office 202-720-6052

From: Johansson, Robert - OCE
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:10 PM
To: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC <(b) (6)>
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I will check.

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On Feb 20, 2018, at 5:51 PM, (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC <(b) (6)> wrote:

Rob,

I had a good meeting last week with DOI Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt where we discussed a number of issues. Among the issues discussed were the following in your area:

1. (b) (5)-Deliberative

[Redacted list item]

2. (b) (5)-Deliberative [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best regards,

Steve

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From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Cc: [Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-up to Meeting with DOI DepSec Bernhardt
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 5:58:44 PM

Brian,

OK, was just going to send an email on this issue as well. Please let me know status and next steps as I promised to check and get back to David.

Best regards,

Steve

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From: Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 5:56 PM
To: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: Follow-up to Meeting with DOI DepSec Bernhardt

Deputy, I advised Kevin Shea, Administrator of APHIS (b) (5)-Deliberative

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Subject: Follow-up to Meeting with DOI DepSec Bernhardt

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. (b) (5)-Deliberative [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]


Best regards,

Steve

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From: (b) (6) - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Vaden, Stephen - OGC](#)
Cc: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: (b) (5)-Deliberative, (b) (5)-Attorney-Client
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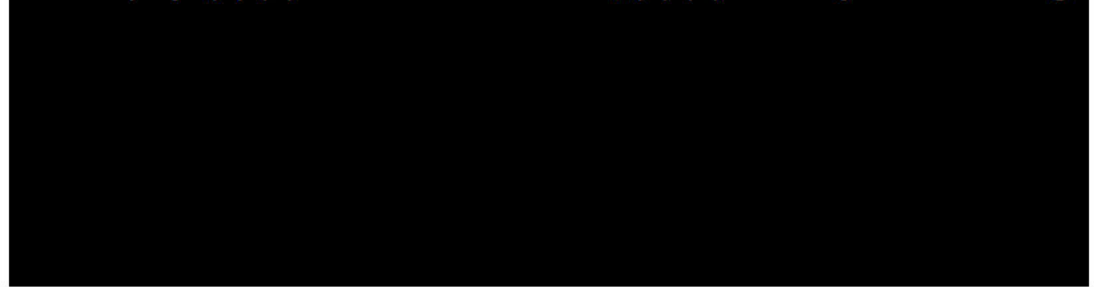


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On Apr 5, 2018, at 7:11 PM, Vaden, Stephen - OGC <Stephen.Vaden@ogc.usda.gov> wrote:

Mr. Secretary,

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Cc: [Appleton, Brooke - OSEC, Washington DC](#)
Subject: (b) (5)-Deliberative
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:53:24 AM

Hi Brian and Kevin,

Just wanted to follow-up on (b) (5)-Deliberative

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Best regards,

Steve

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